

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Uruguay

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training (ICT) program and facilities available in Uruguay to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12 to 14 months.

(2) Normal Arrival: January. Normal Departure: January/March.

(3) Program Description: One officer per year conducts ICT in Uruguay. The FAO attends the 2nd year of the Uruguayan *Escuela de Comando y Estado Mayor* (Command and Staff Course) at the *Instituto Militar de Estudios Superiores* (IMES).

(a) Course dates are from the end of February to the end of November. In-country/regional travel orientation and study is conducted prior to and following graduation.

(b) There are many vacation days available for travel, and the IMES is flexible in accommodating additional FAO travel, while still allowing you to graduate and earn the Uruguayan Chapa. (The Chapa is a type of skill badge that you will be authorized to wear on your Class A uniform.)

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ, Branch immaterial, Spanish Language 2/2.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

(a) One FAO vehicle: 2000, Toyota Helix (5 PAX, quad-cab mini-pickup truck with 4-foot bed).

(b) FAO washer and gas clothes drier, full-size refrigerator with freezer, stand-up full-size freezer, European-type gas stove, 220-110 electrical transformers, satellite dish to receive two video and two audio channels from AFRTS, and a few other small electrical appliances.

(2) Personal: Ship POV (Full-sized cars are not recommended).

c. Housing: Officer receives OHA and must arrange for privately leased housing. There are ample houses and apartments available for rent in the area. Your house or apartment will be fitted with an alarm system by the embassy security office.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: FAO has access to the complete range of medical services through the Uruguayan Armed Forces. Also, the Embassy Health Clinic, in combination with the British Hospital, provides basic medical support. Prescription drugs are available along with US-required booster shots and other immunizations as necessary.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Dependents (grades K-12) can attend any of the schools in the area. The most common is the Uruguayan-American School which is taught completely in English, with one hour of Spanish given each day. There are other schools in the area: the British School, Italian School, and a few private Christian schools where all instruction is done in Spanish.

(3) PX/Commissary: There is a tiny PX/Commissary at the Embassy, which is open a few hours each day during the week. Also available is a monthly commissary flight from the United States from which you can order, through a computer program, anything that you would be able to get at a stateside commissary. It will be very helpful to bring the UPCs of the items you really enjoy, to ensure you receive the same product.

e. Language Instruction Availability: Spanish instruction for the FAO and family members is available at the embassy on a space available basis at \$10.00 per hour. You can also coordinate private lessons at home.

f. Rater/Senior Rater: Rater: Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) Army Representative (Army LTC). Senior Rater: Chief, ODC: (Air Force Col).

g. Address:

Mail: US Embassy, Montevideo
ODC, Unit 4506
APO AA 34035

h. Phone: 011-598-2408-9805

3. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

a. It would be very helpful to have a full library of military FMs, particularly manuals for the Military Decision-Making Process, and branch specific manuals as well. There is also a CD available that has a majority of the Army's FMs, TMs, and TCs. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials for references.

b. The class spends a large amount of time on the Yom Kippur War, the 6-Day War, and other Middle Eastern battles. You should gather some resources on these battles before departing CONUS and bring them with you to Uruguay.

c. Lastly, it is always helpful to have U.S. things to give away at different functions and day-to-day activities. Small US flags, military insignia, patches, contractor pictures and unit logo knick-knacks are well appreciated within military circles.

4. POC. For more information, contact the incumbent FAO in Montevideo or the ODC Army Representative. See above for phone/e-mail information.

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